

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A combination camcorder and camera stabilizer comprising:

a platform having a first end connectable to a camera and a second end extending outwardly from the first end to rest on a shoulder of a camera operator;

10 a handle connectable to the platform having camera controls contained thereon; and

means for transmitting camera control signals from the handle to a signal receiving port on the camera.

15 2. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting camera control signals is a fiber optic tape applied to the camcorder.

20 3. The combination of claim 2, wherein the fiber optic tape includes a backing sheet, at least one fiber optic fiber, an adhesive to retain the fiber optic fiber to the backing sheet and the backing sheet to the camcorder.

25 4. The combination of claim 3, wherein there are a plurality of fiber optic fibers.

30 5. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting the camera control signals is a fiber optic cable extending through the platform having one end adjacent the camera controls in the handle and an opposite end adjacent the signal receiving port on the camera.

35 6. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting the camera control signals is a signal bore extending through the platform such that control signals

5 generated by the camera controls in the handle can pass through the signal bore in the platform and into the signal receiving port on the camera positioned above the signal bore.

7. The combination of claim 6, wherein a fiber optic cable is positioned in the signal bore.

10 8. The combination of claim 1, wherein the handle has a remote control containing the camera controls.

15 9. The combination of claim 8, wherein the remote control is removably mounted on the handle.

10. The combination of claim 1, wherein the means for transmitting camera control signals comprises a fiber optic fiber and an adhesive.

20 11. A combination camcorder and camera platform comprising:

a shoulder section having a shoulder pad at one end thereof;

25 a camera section movably attached to the shoulder section for supporting the camcorder;

a handle removably attached to the camera section;

a remote control removably attached to the handle; and

30 a fiber optic fiber for transmitting control signals from the remote control to a signal receiving port on the video camera.

12. The combination of claim 11, wherein the fiber optic fiber is positioned on a tape attached to the camcorder.

5 13. The combination of claim 11, wherein the fiber optic fiber has a first end adjacent the remote control and an opposite end adjacent the signal receiving port on the camera.

10 14. The combination of claim 11, wherein the camera section has a signal bore extending therethrough, such that control signals generated by the remote control can pass through the signal bore and into the first end of the fiber optic fiber

15 15. The combination of claim 12, wherein the tape has a backing sheet and an adhesive.

16. The combination of claim 11 wherein the fiber optic fiber is directly attached to the camcorder by an adhesive.

20 17. A camcorder comprising a body having an infrared signal receiving port and at least one fiber optic fiber attached to an outer surface of the camcorder extending along the outer surface to the infrared signal receiving port.

25 18. The camcorder of claim 17, wherein the infrared signal receiving port is located on a front surface of the camera.

30 19. The camcorder of claim 17, wherein the fiber optic fiber is attached to the surface of the camcorder by tape.

20. The camcorder of claim 17, wherein the fiber optic fiber is attached to the surface of the camcorder by an adhesive.